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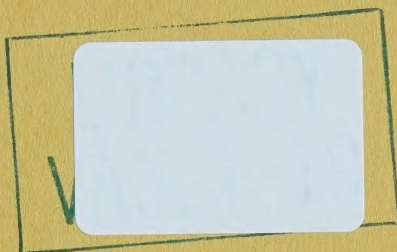
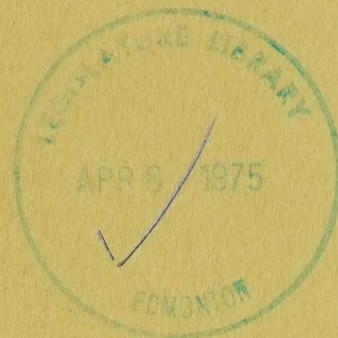


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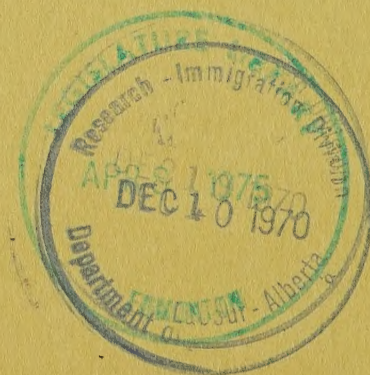
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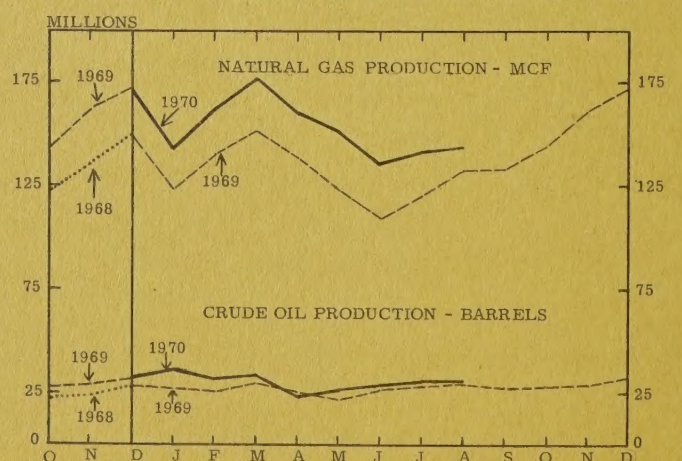
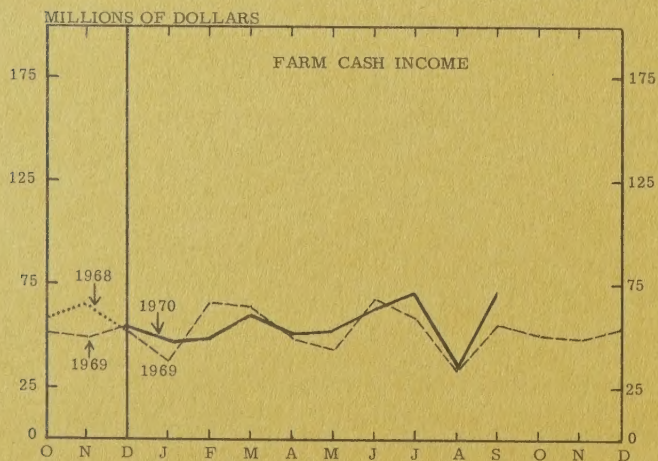
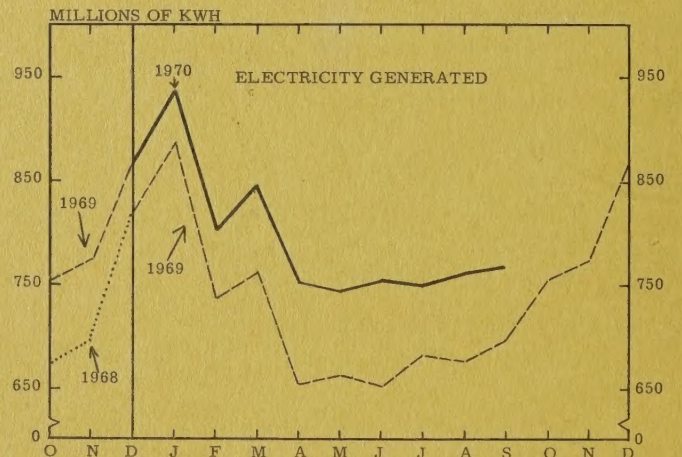
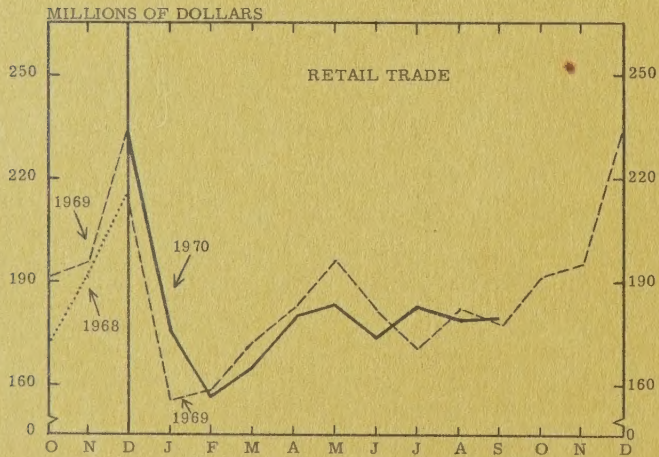
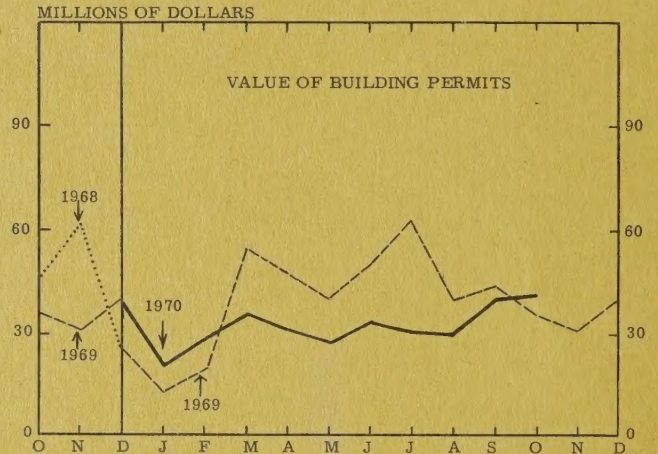
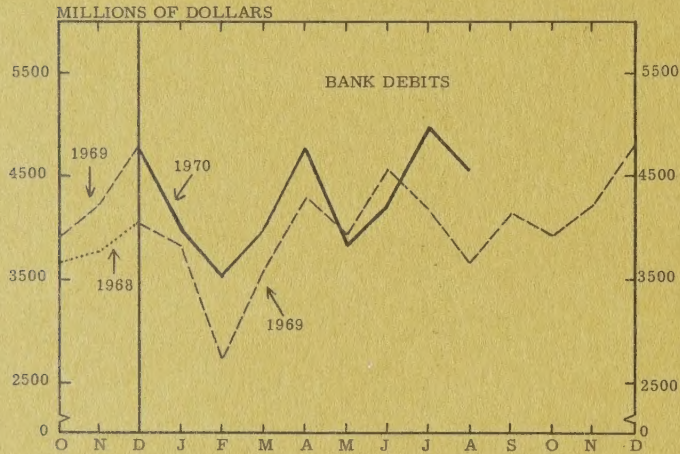
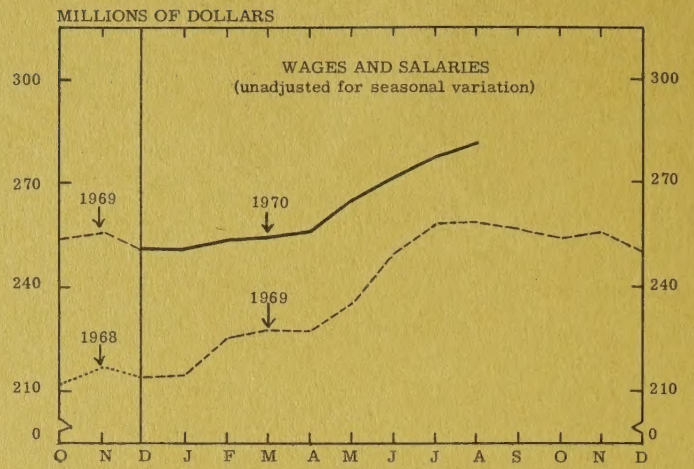
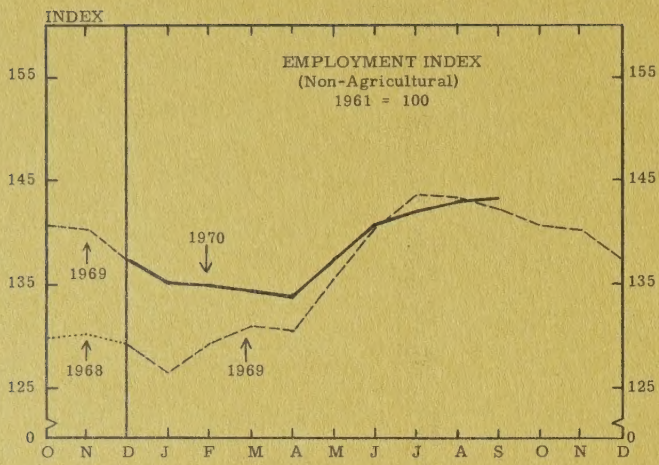
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ALBERTA BUSINESS TRENDS

Recent sales of wheat and other grains by the Canadian Wheat Board have considerably improved the outlook for the agricultural industry in the province. September figures substantiate the improved outlook as Alberta farmers cash income from grain sales was more than double that of September, 1969. Total farm cash income for the nine month period was 5.6% above that of the corresponding period last year.

The value of manufacturers shipments for the January - September period, 1970, at \$1,381 million was 1.7% higher than for the same period of 1969. The firmness of the livestock market in the province is reflected in packing plant sales which were 10.4% above sales in the first nine months of 1969. At the same time, the slowdown in the building construction industry has resulted in decreases in shipments of lumber and other sawmill products.

Prospects for the mining industry in the province continue to improve with the approval by the National Energy Board of large increases in the export of natural gas to the United States. For the immediate future, export of oil to U.S. markets is limited only by the capacity of the existing pipeline system. Production of all petroleum products over the January - August, 1970 period was substantially above production in the same period last year. Only sulphur, which is facing a world oversupply situation, showed a decrease in value of sales. Production of coal reached its highest level of the year in September. The value of production for the nine months was more than 73% greater than in the previous year.

The value of building permits issued during September increased by almost \$12 million from the previous month but was 6.6% lower than in September, 1969. The cumulative total for the first nine months of 1970 was approximately \$281 million as compared to \$374 million in the same period last year. The slowdown in the construction industry is confirmed by trends in dwelling starts and completions in the province and by shipments of construction materials. There were 40% fewer dwelling starts and 31% fewer completions in September, 1970 than in September, 1969. However, the increase in the number of loan approvals for new housing in September and the nine month cumulative figures for new and existing housing indicate that construction activity may pick up in the last quarter.

The October consumer price index for Edmonton - Calgary declined by 0.3%. At its level of 125.7 it was 2.6% higher than twelve months earlier. The food index declined 1.6%, the clothing component increased by 0.9% and the health and personal care index was up 0.7%.

At the composite level, average weekly wages and salaries in July, 1970 were \$128.96 a rise of approximately 8% from the July, 1969 level of \$119.45. The unemployment rate for October 1970 was 3.5% as compared to 2.9% in September and 2.2% in October, 1969. The higher rates of unemployment throughout the year are reflected in a 50% increase over 1969 in unemployment insurance benefit payments during the January - August period.

Wholesale trade volume in September was up 4.9% over September, 1969 although the cumulative total for the year was only 1.9% above last year. Retail trade for August was down 2.1% due mainly to a 17% decrease in the sales of motor vehicle dealers.

ALBERTA FARMERS' CASH INCOME FROM MAJOR SOURCES

Farmers Cash Income from:		(Sept.) 1969	(Sept.) 1970	Percentage Change	January-September		Percentage Change
					1969	1970	
Grain Sales	\$'000	13,809	32,630	-	169,058*	176,150	4.2
Livestock Marketings	\$'000	35,805	38,988	8.9	268,002	285,339	6.5
Poultry Products Sales	\$'000	1,841	2,110	14.6	11,421*	12,030	5.3
		August 1969	August 1970		January - August		
					1969	1970	
Dairy Products Sales	\$'000	4,087	4,186	2.4	29,341	31,098	6.0

SHIPMENTS: ALBERTA MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES

			August 1969	August 1970	Percentage Change	January - August 19691970		Percentage Change
Oil Refinery Production:								
Motor Gasoline	M bbls.		1,599	1,494	-6.6	12,450	11,801	-5.2
Diesel Fuel Oil	M bbls.		708	963	36.0	5,385	5,972	10.9
Other	M bbls.		1,405	1,132	-19.4	8,952	8,608	-3.8
Total	M bbls.		3,712	3,589	-3.3	26,769*	26,609*	-0.6
			(Sept.) 1969	(Sept.) 1970		January-September 19691970		
Flour Mills (5 firms)								
Production	M Centals		412	537	30.3	3,737	3,805	1.8
All mill products shipped	\$'000		2,525	3,283	30.0	22,582	23,188	2.7
Creamery Butter								
Production	M Lbs.		2,771	2,663	-3.9	24,060	23,841	-0.9
	\$'000		1,794	1,724	-3.9	15,579	15,437	-0.9
Cheddar Cheese								
Production	M Lbs.		281	300	6.8	2,170	2,662	22.7
	\$'000		127	135	6.3	977	1,198	22.6
Ice Cream								
Production	M Lbs.		544	424	-22.1	4,451	4,557	2.4
	\$'000		816	657	-19.5	6,677	7,063	5.8
Packing Plants								
Gross Sales	\$'000		34,189	37,971	11.1	296,675	327,505	10.4
Production	M Lbs.		59,231	71,022	19.9	513,664	564,689	9.9
	\$'000		25,832	28,771	11.4	218,628	243,457	11.4
Exports	M Lbs.		34,585	45,481	31.5	318,812	356,803	11.9
	\$'000		15,375	19,388	26.1	142,886	161,266	12.9
Sawmill Production								
Lumber	M ft. BM		16,600	15,000	-9.6	348,748*	320,000	-8.2
	\$'000		955	863	-9.6	20,053*	18,400	-8.2
Lumber Plus Other Products	\$'000		1,575	1,482	-5.9	25,543*	23,910*	-6.4
Cement Production	M Tons		88	89	-	677	687	1.5
	\$'000		1,916	2,065	7.8	14,531	15,440	6.3
Brewed Products	M Gal.		N/A	N/A		N/A	N/A	
Value of Manufacturing Shipments:								
All Industries	\$'000		157,929	163,599	3.6	1,357,509*	1,380,950*	1.7
Electricity:								
Net Generated	M KWH		699,071	766,965	9.7	6,416,532	7,110,770	10.8

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FISHING, FORESTRY, MINING & TRAPPING

		(Sept.) 1969	(Sept.) 1970	Percentage Change	January - September 1969 1970		Percentage Change
Coal Production							
Bituminous	M Tons	114	305	-	886	1,913	-
Sub-Bituminous	M Tons	258	310	20.1	2,151	2,728	26.8
	\$'000	1,029	2,236	-	9,475	16,435	73.5
Salt Production	M Tons	11	6	-45.5	113	69	-38.9
Lime Production	M Tons	5	5	-	52	58	11.5
	\$'000	84	100	19.0	823	1,121	36.2
		August 1969	August 1970		January - August 1969 1970		
Crude Oil							
Condensate, Pentanes Plus							
Production	M Barrels	28,357	30,710	8.3	209,765	241,615	15.2
Value to producer	\$'000	71,803	81,542	13.6	538,352	626,785	16.4
Sales & Exports	M Barrels	28,603	31,655	10.7	208,735	242,883	16.4
Natural Gas							
Production	M. M. C. F.	132,292	144,650	9.3	1,071,123	1,252,680	17.0
Sales and Exports	M. M. C. F.	97,195	106,313	9.4	811,822	961,093	18.4
Value of Sales	\$'000	15,979	18,380	15.0	126,612	159,292	25.8
Propane							
Production (Gas Plants)	M Barrels	1,361	1,717	26.2	10,614	12,606	18.8
Sales	M Barrels	1,098	1,148	4.6	10,202	11,505	12.8
	\$'000	1,741	2,175	24.9	13,431	16,095	19.8
Butane							
Production (Gas Plants)	M Barrels	792	1,026	29.5	6,362	7,777	22.2
Sales	M Barrels	752	848	12.8	5,646	7,023	24.4
	\$'000	959	1,166	21.6	7,757	9,055	16.7
Sulphur							
Production	M Long Tons	298	346	16.1	2,372	2,698	13.7
Sales	M Long Tons	210	253	20.5	1,685	2,115	25.5
	\$'000	4,343	1,995	-54.1	45,928	20,142	-56.1
Pulpwood Production	M Cunits	24	15	-37.5	208	208	-
		(Oct.) 1969	(Oct.) 1970		January - October 1969 1970		
Fur (Wild Life) Pelts	No. M	24	37	54.2	598	478	-20.1
	\$'000	150	263	75.3	1,905	1,848	-3.0
Fishery Production January - March 1969			Lbs.	2,230,095	Value	\$ 511,041	
January - March 1970			Lbs.	10,805,771	Value	\$1,727,744	

VALUE OF RESIDENTIAL AND NON-RESIDENTIAL - BUILDING PERMITS - ALBERTA

		Residential	Industrial	Commercial	Institutional and Government	Total Value (Sept.)		Cumulative (Jan. -Sept.)	
		1969	1970	1969	1970	1969	1970	1969	1970
		\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
CENSUS DIVISION 1		385	-	192	-	619	577	5,020	5,668
Medicine Hat		370	-	152	-	572	522	4,490	5,417
CENSUS DIVISION 2		1,334	8	619	170	4,073	2,131	15,328	16,777
Lethbridge		1,019	8	557	87	3,247	1,671	11,173	13,098
CENSUS DIVISION 3		76	3	140	208	277	427	3,037	1,533
CENSUS DIVISION 4		39	-	3	-	81	42	371	938
CENSUS DIVISION 5		29	-	-	3	1,258	32	2,393	1,225
Drumheller		8	-	-	3	1,236	11	2,150	459
CENSUS DIVISION 6		10,079	400	2,545	921	14,573	13,946	149,629	112,434
Calgary		9,509	400	2,502	921	14,020	13,331	140,453	108,113
CENSUS DIVISION 7		169	1	8	-	179	178	3,018	3,511
CENSUS DIVISION 8		605	15	524	13	1,313	1,158	9,031	7,762
Red Deer		390	15	341	-	737	745	5,774	5,464
CENSUS DIVISION 9		66	-	48	49	420	163	1,861	2,085
CENSUS DIVISION 10		504	-	347	-	1,015	852	6,710	2,747
Camrose		61	-	41	-	71	102	1,305	643
Lloydminster		360	-	288	-	87	649	2,271	1,114
CENSUS DIVISION 11		11,735	460	1,895	4,118	17,555	18,208	161,297	110,334
Edmonton		8,016	413	1,685	3,915	13,639	14,029	129,747	79,916
Wetaskiwin		4	-	-	-	39	4	1,798	571
CENSUS DIVISION 12		120	-	322	5	777	447	3,580	2,752
CENSUS DIVISION 13		359	-	125	400	749	884	2,487	2,389
CENSUS DIVISION 14		234	-	132	374	299	740	2,152	3,022
CENSUS DIVISION 15		542	298	331	-	675	1,170	7,932	7,472
Grande Prairie		218	298	27	-	127	543	2,886	2,778
TOTAL - September		26,276	1,185	7,231	6,261	43,862	40,954		
Jan. - September 1970		149,307	8,115	58,292	64,931				280,646
Jan. - September 1969		197,007	14,587	93,535	68,715			373,846	
October 1970 Preliminary						35,677	49,984		

Any slight differences between the totals and their components are due to the rounding of the figures.

HOUSING STATISTICS

		(Sept.) 1969	(Sept.) 1970	Percentage Change	(Jan. - Sept.) 1969 1970		Percentage Change
Alberta:							
Dwelling Starts	No.	1,502	900	-40.1	15,615	8,316	-46.7
Completions	No.	2,290	1,589	-30.6	12,018	12,742	6.0
Loan Approvals							
New Housing	No.	1,377	2,882	-	6,241	8,586*	37.6
Existing Housing	No.	58	75	29.3	320	589	84.1
Dwelling Starts							
Calgary	No.	824	519	-37.0	7,682	4,085	-46.8
Edmonton	No.	562	252	-55.2	7,252	3,570	-50.8
Completions							
Calgary	No.	1,005	840	-16.4	5,242	6,055	15.5
Edmonton	No.	1,169	656	-43.9	6,139	6,013	-2.1
Under Construction							
Calgary	No.	7,225	4,372	-39.5			
Edmonton	No.	5,794	3,443	-40.6			

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WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE - TRENDS

	(Sept.) 1969	(Sept.) 1970	Percentage Change	(Jan. - Sept.)		Percentage Change
	\$'000	\$'000	%	\$'000	\$'000	%
WHOLESALE TRADE						
BY TYPES:						
Amusement and Sporting Goods	1,172	1,276	8.9	8,157	8,885	8.9
Auto Supplies and Equipment	6,011	5,918	-1.6	127,781	116,629	-8.7
Chemicals, Drugs & Allied Products	3,643	4,133	13.4	36,562	39,904	9.1
Dry Goods, and Apparel	1,574	1,624	3.2	11,658	12,045	3.3
Electrical Goods (Household and Industrial)	5,638	5,854	3.8	86,913	86,906	-
Farm Products (Raw Materials)	180	178	-1.1	1,883	2,063	9.5
Farm Supplies	124	119	-4.0	3,455	3,084	-10.7
Tobacco	4,044	4,399	8.8	34,953	36,605	4.7
Furniture and House Furnishings	4,500	4,698	4.4	42,506	43,405	2.1
Groceries and Meats	27,986	31,398	12.2	285,092	319,471	12.1
Hardware	1,478	1,669	12.9	23,130	24,112	4.2
Building Materials (Excluding Lumber)	4,660	4,001	-14.1	37,826	36,643	-3.1
Lumber and Millwork	4,126	3,394	-17.7	48,225	40,794	-15.4
Machinery, Equipment and Supplies (Commercial and Construction)	2,306	2,092	-9.3	23,769	19,127	-19.5
Machinery and Equipment (Farm)	2,175	2,233	2.7	45,893	29,872	-34.9
Machinery, Equipment and Supplies (Industrial)	3,029	3,375	11.4	41,039	42,832	4.4
Professional Service, Transportation Equipment and Supplies	2,249	2,233	-0.7	25,001	26,973	7.9
Metals and Metal Work	3,759	3,996	6.3	30,722	34,269	11.5
Paper and Paper Products	1,727	1,880	8.8	16,044	17,460	8.8
Petroleum and Petroleum Products	21,918	23,853	8.8	183,184	193,050	5.4
Plumbing and Heating Equipment & Supp.	5,713	5,004	-12.4	47,180	46,906	-0.6
Miscellaneous	973	1,017	4.5	12,837	14,538	13.2
TOTAL	108,984*	114,339	4.9	1,173,809*	1,195,571*	1.9
BY LOCATIONS:						
Calgary	37,354	38,855	4.0	458,011	462,139	0.9
Edmonton	41,950	43,732	4.2	427,787	442,953	3.5
Lethbridge	2,499	2,741	9.7	28,138	29,876	6.2
Medicine Hat	830	852	2.6	10,229	10,385	1.5
Red Deer	1,271	1,186	-6.7	14,170	14,130	-0.3
Smaller Centres	1,657	1,775	7.1	26,298	27,723	5.4
No Area Breakdown	23,423	25,199	7.6	209,176	208,366	-0.4
TOTAL	108,984	114,339*	4.9	1,173,809	1,195,571*	1.9
RETAIL TRADE						
	August 1969	August 1970		January - August		
	\$'000	\$'000	%	\$'000	\$'000	%
Grocery and Combination Stores	33,521	33,766	0.7	256,300	269,531	5.2
All Other Food Stores	3,243	3,208	-1.1	30,131	32,441	7.7
Department Stores	24,939	24,789	-0.6	179,253	183,824	2.6
General Merchandise Stores	5,621	5,362	-4.6	40,364	38,478	-4.7
General Stores	9,353	9,596	2.6	69,087	71,833	4.0
Variety Stores	1,683	1,597	-5.1	10,550	10,360	-1.8
Motor Vehicle Dealers	28,329	23,479	-17.1	297,292	249,457	-16.1
Service Stations and Garages	22,164	22,633	2.1	141,907	143,343	1.0
Men's Clothing Stores	2,042	2,026	-0.8	15,677	16,420	4.7
Women's Clothing Stores	3,086	2,873	-6.9	21,835	21,911	0.3
Family Clothing Stores	1,854	1,610	-13.2	12,561	12,939	3.0
Shoe Stores	2,107	1,911	-9.3	13,019	13,470	3.5
Hardware Stores	3,891	3,972	2.1	25,654	27,209	6.1
Furniture, T. V., Radio and Appliance Stores	4,781	4,565	-4.5	33,249	33,527	0.8
Fuel Dealers	328	386	17.7	5,538	5,234	-5.5
Drug Stores	5,676	5,770	1.7	42,321	43,962	3.9
Jewellery Stores	1,511	1,513	0.1	11,938	11,934	-
All Other Stores	28,612	29,813	4.2	197,279	210,817	6.9
TOTAL	182,741	178,869	-2.1	1,403,955	1,396,690	-0.5
Preliminary (September)	178,675	179,033	0.2			

(1) The figures may be considered as more indicative of trends of business in the various lines and for the various locations than of total volume of wholesale business.

(*) Any slight differences between the totals and their components are due to the rounding of the figures.

GENERAL STATISTICS

		(July) 1969	(July) 1970	Percentage Change	January - July 1969 1970		Percentage Change
Labour Income	\$'000	257,200	276,700	7.6	1,636,500	1,824,300	11.5
U. S. Residents Entering Alberta	No.	113,063	116,885	3.4	244,710	265,059	8.3
		August 1969	August 1970		January - August 1969 1970		
Unemployment Insurance							
Benefit Weeks	No.	34,064	63,580	86.6	502,669	665,648	32.4
Benefit Payments	\$'000	1,062	2,220	-	15,888	23,772	49.6
Bank Debits							
Calgary	M \$'000	2,021	2,811	39.1	16,398	19,065	16.3
Edmonton	M \$'000	1,513	1,616	6.8	13,313	13,752	3.3
Lethbridge	M \$'000	99	97	-2.0	762	790	3.7
Medicine Hat	M \$'000	36	35	-2.8	294	302	2.7
TOTAL	M \$'000	3,669	4,559	24.3	30,767	33,909	10.2
Financing of Motor Vehicles:							
Passenger Cars	No.	2,593	1,824	-29.7	21,076	16,438	-22.0
	\$'000	6,202	4,175	-32.7	51,831	38,258	-26.2
Commercial Vehicles	No.	904	768	-15.0	7,892	8,429	6.8
	\$'000	3,638	2,891	-20.5	31,373	36,304	15.7
		(Sept.) 1969	(Sept.) 1970		January-September 1969 1970		
Social Allowance Payments	\$'000	3,811	5,071	33.1	34,643	42,284	22.1
Restaurant Receipts	\$'000	7,713	7,857	1.9	76,515	78,923	3.1
Aircraft Movement Statistics: Itinerant							
Calgary International	No.	6,160	6,302	2.3	52,794	56,917	7.8
Edmonton Industrial	No.	6,511	7,298	12.1	66,921	65,567	-2.0
Edmonton International	No.	2,039	2,199	7.8	17,609	21,233	20.6
Lethbridge International	No.	1,496	1,317	-12.0	14,114	11,919	-15.6
Foreign Vehicles Entering Alberta	No.	12,317	12,285	-0.3	107,435	118,655	10.4
Vital Statistics:							
Marriages	No.	1,658	1,814	9.4	11,208	11,918	6.3
Births	No.	2,864	2,433	-15.0	23,566	24,196	2.7
Deaths	No.	830	903	8.8	7,760	7,693	-0.9
Natural Increase	No.	2,034	1,530	-24.8	15,806	16,503	4.4
Life Insurance	\$'000	49,155	59,917	21.9	510,953	546,356	6.9
		(Oct.) 1969	(Oct.) 1970		January - October 1969 1970		
Visitors to National Parks							
Banff	No.	114,453	127,484	11.4	2,048,060	2,114,659	3.3
Elk Island	No.	15,802	13,471	-14.8	287,865	296,806	3.1
Jasper	No.	45,931	48,381	5.3	1,008,280	1,232,427	22.2
Waterton Lakes	No.	4,392	-	-	472,850	520,321	10.0
TOTAL	No.	180,578	189,336	4.8	3,817,055	4,164,213	9.1

POPULATION
(thousands)

June 1 1966	June 1 1967	June 1 1968	June 1 1969	June 1 1970	April 1 1970	July 1 1970	October 1 1970
1,463	1,490	1,526	1,561	1,600	1,593	1,604	1,614

SHIPMENTS OF SPECIFIED COMMODITIES TO ALBERTA

		August 1969	August 1970	Percentage Change	(January - August) 1969 1970		Percentage Change
Steel Bars and Shapes, etc. (some comparable items)	Tons	4,366	3,652	-16.4	36,252	30,382	-16.2
Stock and Poultry Feeds	Tons}	N/A	N/A		N/A	N/A	
Stock and Poultry	Tons}						
Secondary Feed	Tons}						
Dog and Cat Feeds	Tons}						
Stoves: Gas	No.	450	265	-41.1	6,729	5,251	-22.0
Electric	No.	2,243	1,840	-18.0	15,449	16,506	6.8
Plywood +	M Sq. ft.	15,368	15,488	0.8	139,021	136,649	-1.7
T. V. Sets	No.	4,016	4,228	5.3	27,903	23,303	-16.5
Radio Phonographs	No.	1,284	819	-36.2	7,368	5,478	-25.7
Record Players	No.	1,288	716	-44.4	6,254	4,328	-30.8
		(Sept.) 1969	(Sept.) 1970		January-September 1969 1970		
Rigid Insulating Board: (M sq. ft. 1/2" basis)							
Building Board		393	395	0.5	3,327	3,092	-7.1
Asphalt Sheathing Board		699	650	-7.0	5,583	5,647	1.1
Roof Insulation Board		2,871	1,497	-47.9	18,221	16,127	-11.5
Acoustical Tile		143	121	-15.4	1,224	953	-22.1
Other Decorative Board		852	394	-53.8	3,809	3,990	4.8
Other Board		96	64	-33.3	692	667	-3.6
Total		5,053	3,121	-38.2	32,855	30,474	-7.2
Alberta Sales of:							
Washing Machines - Automatic	No.	2,534	1,793	-29.2	15,304	13,143	-14.1
Conventional	No.	1,378	448	-67.5	8,271	7,177	-13.2
Clothes Dryers - Electric	No.	N/A	N/A		N/A	N/A	
Gas	No.	N/A	N/A		N/A	N/A	
Mechanical Refrigerators	No.	3,696	3,169	-14.3	28,114	28,025	-0.3
Home and Farm Freezers	No.	2,092	1,488	-28.9	11,399*	9,445	-17.1
Farm Implements	\$'000	N/A	N/A		N/A	N/A	
New Motor Vehicles:	No.	6,486	5,035	-22.4	62,513*	49,860	-20.2
	\$'000	23,824	19,362	-18.7	234,935*	218,701	-6.9
Margarine	M lbs.	1,669	1,852	11.0	11,436	12,596	10.1
	\$'000	437	543	24.3	3,056	3,627	18.7

+ Excluding Aspen, Poplar & Cottonwood

* Revised

		April - June 1970	January - June 1970
Furniture Products: Shipments			
Bedroom Suites	\$'000	848	1,016
Living Room & Hall			
Furniture	\$'000	291	626
Dining Room Furniture	\$'000	198	407
Breakfast Room & Kitchen	\$'000	261	524
Upholstered Living			
Room Furniture	\$'000	1,589	2,312
Upholstered Convertible			
Living Room Furniture	\$'000	233	362
Upholstered Living Room			
Chairs	\$'000	232	418
Bed Springs	\$'000	374	591
Mattresses	\$'000	549	855

LABOUR FORCE AND RELATED DATA
(in thousands)

		Population 14 Years of Age and Over			Labour Force				Participation Rate	Unemployment Rate
		Total	Men	Women	Total	Men	Women	Employed		
October	1968	1,022	518	504	614	413	201	605	9	60.1%
October	1969	1,055	535	520	634	423	211	620	14	60.1%
September	1970	1,088	551	537	649	432	217	629	19	59.7%
October	1970	1,091	552	538	653	433	220	630	23	59.9%

ESTIMATES OF EMPLOYEES BY INDUSTRY

	June 1968 (^{'000})	June 1969 (^{'000})	May 1970 (^{'000})	June 1970* (^{'000})
Forestry	1.6	2.2	1.6	1.8
Mines, quarries & oil wells	19.7	22.1	23.2	24.1
Manufacturing	50.6	56.1	54.8	55.0
Non-Durables		27.4	28.5	28.7
Durables		23.2	27.6	26.3
Construction	39.7	41.9	40.0	41.9
Building		13.5	12.5	10.9
Special Trade Contractors		16.1	18.5	18.5
Highways, bridges, street & other		10.2	10.9	12.5
Transportation, communication and other utilities	51.1	55.4	52.2	53.3
Transportation		30.1	33.3	30.7
Communication & other utilities		21.0	22.1	22.6
Trade	80.8	86.5	90.9	87.9
Wholesale		27.4	30.1	31.1
Retail		53.5	56.4	56.8
Finance, insurance & real estate	17.9	18.7	20.0	20.0
Community, business and personal services	124.0	158.0	163.4	161.3
Non-commercial sector		69.5	96.8	99.6
Commercial sector		54.5	61.2	61.7
Public Administration & defence	21.4	33.6	35.7	36.3
Grand Total	406.9	474.5	481.8	481.6

* Preliminary

AVERAGE HOURS & AVERAGE EARNINGS OF HOURLY-RATED WAGE EARNERS

	Average Hours		Average Hourly Earnings		Average Weekly Wages		Wage Earners Reported
	July 1969	July 1970	July 1969	July 1970	July 1969	July 1970	
	No.	No.	\$	\$	\$	\$	
EDMONTON:							
Manufacturing	39.6	39.4	2.88	3.18	113.97	125.54	12,944
Construction	37.9	38.2	3.74	4.26	141.79	162.84	7,932
CALGARY:							
Manufacturing	39.5	38.3	3.06	3.32	120.93	127.11	8,897
Construction	38.4	36.3	3.75	4.56	143.73	165.77	5,922
ALBERTA:							
Mining, Including Milling	40.2	40.4	3.60	3.95	144.55	159.33	7,170
Service Incidental to Mining	40.2	40.1	3.62	3.72	145.43	149.11	3,407
Manufacturing	39.4	38.9	2.92	3.19	115.21	124.07	29,996
Durable Goods	39.6	38.4	2.99	3.19	118.17	122.25	14,877
Non-durable Goods	39.3	39.4	2.85	3.19	111.99	125.85	15,119
Foods and Beverages	38.9	40.0	2.86	3.16	111.14	126.40	8,164
Construction	41.0	40.1	3.58	4.14	146.63	165.88	22,693
Building	37.3	35.7	3.77	4.24	140.93	151.54	12,295
Engineering	48.1	45.2	3.28	4.04	157.82	182.83	10,398
Other Industries							
Hotels and Restaurants	32.7	32.5	1.68	1.79	54.93	57.96	13,003

* Preliminary 1970; Final 1969

EMPLOYMENT INDEXES AND AVERAGE WEEKLY WAGES AND SALARIES

	Employment Index Number (1961=100)			Average Weekly Wages and Salaries			Employees Reported
	Last Pay Period Of			Last Pay Period Of			
	July 1969	June 1970	July* 1970	July 1969 \$	June 1970 \$	July* 1970 \$	July 1970 No.
EDMONTON:							
Manufacturing	132.1	130.7	129.6	123.15	135.86	136.95	19,340
Durable Goods	150.3	145.7	142.6	127.87	140.59	141.41	7,785
Non-Durable Goods	121.6	122.0	122.1	119.81	132.60	133.95	11,555
Construction	173.5	153.2	154.9	145.67	166.69	165.29	9,860
Transportation, Communications and Other Utilities	158.5	160.0	160.3	134.71	146.76	147.70	14,417
Trade	131.1	133.5	131.7	98.08	103.98	105.71	22,912
Wholesale	131.7	133.8	133.7	123.80	128.75	127.84	8,407
Retail	130.8	133.4	130.5	83.61	89.93	92.88	14,505
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	152.6	161.6	162.4	114.50	114.75	114.31	5,561
Service	216.9	207.1	211.2	77.49	80.14	83.17	14,616
Industrial Composite	151.5	149.3	149.4	114.07	123.03	124.22	88,435
CALGARY:							
Manufacturing	134.8	127.3	126.2	130.42	140.96	138.64	14,569
Durable Goods	174.5	153.1	151.1	134.87	143.08	138.92	6,862
Non-Durable Goods	109.2	110.6	110.0	125.82	139.05	138.38	7,707
Construction	195.4	167.5	168.5	147.94	156.60	164.69	7,379
Transportation, Communication and Other Utilities	129.9	129.5	130.5	127.76	138.07	139.68	11,099
Trade	132.3	133.0	131.1	106.79	110.32	113.37	18,463
Wholesale	125.9	126.5	126.0	132.11	133.90	134.55	7,431
Retail	137.0	137.6	134.7	90.06	94.70	99.10	11,032
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	163.8	166.6	167.5	111.01	115.30	114.81	5,909
Service	220.6	220.8	223.6	78.98	85.09	86.88	14,980
Industrial Composite	153.7	149.9	150.1	119.59	126.27	127.92	78,904
LETHBRIDGE: Industrial Composite	130.7	131.6	131.8	96.45	107.00	109.22	5,661
MEDICINE HAT: Industrial Composite	106.9	104.9	97.4	101.88	110.52	110.27	2,828
RED DEER: Industrial Composite	168.1	167.6	167.7	102.23	104.44	108.38	2,761
ALBERTA:							
Mining, Including Milling	132.7	136.1	138.8	171.03	180.35	182.19	21,548
Petroleum and Gas Wells	155.8	163.9	166.1	183.71	192.89	194.00	14,378
Services Incidental to Mining	108.3	98.8	102.3	151.15	159.76	162.07	5,451
Manufacturing	134.6	132.0	130.9	124.22	135.14	134.57	46,208
Foods and Beverages	108.7	107.3	109.6	116.16	130.37	130.09	12,705
Meat Processing	111.5	115.5	116.9	130.44	145.05	146.27	4,748
Wood Products	138.9	127.8	129.6	100.55	109.25	108.81	4,057
Printing, Publishing & Allied Industries	123.5	134.3	131.2	121.62	130.66	131.24	2,365
Metal Fabricating Industries	163.3	156.2	155.0	138.16	148.16	144.01	4,820
Transportation Equipment	181.8	158.5	147.3	117.75	123.82	122.70	2,890
Non-Metallic Mineral Products	126.3	109.1	109.0	139.31	150.17	143.98	3,238
Chemicals and Chemical Products	133.1	136.5	129.5	154.61	165.66	168.77	2,562
Construction	161.5	153.8	158.2	149.39	163.66	166.46	27,472
Building	176.1	147.3	145.0	143.96	158.71	154.98	15,114
Engineering	139.4	163.6	178.0	159.69	170.36	180.50	12,358
Transportation, Communication and Other Utilities	127.6	123.7	126.9	130.90	141.08	141.44	48,198
Transportation	117.9	111.7	116.1	133.13	143.56	144.22	26,100
Communication	149.5	153.1	153.6	126.42	132.93	134.24	13,026
Electric Power, Gas and Water	134.5	131.8	132.2	143.38	158.96	158.04	6,678
Trade	132.0	133.0	131.7	100.86	105.45	107.16	52,228
Wholesale	127.2	127.6	127.4	124.96	127.96	128.05	20,212
Retail	135.2	136.6	134.5	85.78	91.43	93.97	32,016
Finance, Insurance and Real Estate	149.1	153.5	154.5	111.34	115.23	114.86	16,246
Service	215.0	207.5	211.1	77.86	81.58	84.36	36,654
Personal Services	202.0	197.5	201.7	63.51	63.69	65.47	18,857
Hotels and Restaurants	216.4	214.0	220.0	62.03	61.51	63.70	16,473
Industrial Composite	143.6	141.4	142.7	119.45	127.68	128.96	250,212
Industrial Composite Alberta August 1970*	143.1			131.20			

* Preliminary

MEMORANDA

An analysis of the taxable returns of individuals in one hundred selected cities throughout Canada shows that Calgary ranked 18th in average income per return in 1968, Edmonton ranked 31st, Lethbridge 56th, Medicine Hat 68th and Red Deer 66th. The average income in these cities was \$6, 111; \$5, 876; \$5, 533; \$5, 331; and \$5, 371 respectively.

As of March 31, 1970 there were 1,839 persons in correctional institutions in the province, including training schools, provincial adult institutions and federal penitentiaries. This compares to a total of 1,924 a year earlier. On March 31st, this year provincial adult institutions were filled to 85.5% of capacity.

The results of a survey conducted earlier in the year indicate there are a total of eighty museums in the province.

Farmers' Marketings of wheat in Alberta from August to the middle of October, 1970 amounted to 11.2 million bushels. The 1959-1968 average for this period was 15.4 million bushels.

Total mileage of all natural gas pipe lines in Alberta at the end of 1969 amounted to 16,617 miles. Mileage of gas gathering systems totalled 3,843 miles, transmission systems 6,054 miles and distribution systems 6,721 miles.

A total of 599,915 telegrams were sent from Alberta points in 1969. The number of telegraph offices was 173. Wire mileage amounted to 55,390 miles and pole line mileage totalled 5,224 miles.

An apartment vacancy rate survey conducted in October indicated an overall vacancy rate in the province of 1.7% as compared to 4.7% in July, 5.8% in April and 4.6% in January. Of the twenty-seven communities surveyed, sixteen had no vacancies in October and a large percentage of these reported no vacancies throughout the year. The survey excludes all forms of limited dividend housing and apartments of less than six suites. Excluded also are all units completed within the previous six months.

GENERAL CONSUMER PRICE INDEX & COMPONENT ITEMS FOR CALGARY - EDMONTON (1961 = 100)

		<u>General</u> CPI	<u>Food</u>	<u>Housing</u>	<u>Clothing</u>	<u>Trans- portation</u>	<u>Health Personal Care</u>	<u>Recreation Reading</u>	<u>Tobacco Alcohol</u>	-
October	1968	118.2	122.4	112.1	123.4	113.3	130.5	123.3	114.3	
October	1969	122.5	125.5	116.7	125.3	117.2	138.6	130.3	122.6	
September	1970	126.1	131.2	119.1	126.8	121.5	144.0	134.9	124.1	
October	1970	125.7	129.1	119.2	127.9	121.5	145.0	135.0	124.1	

TAXATION STATISTICS - ALBERTA 1966-1968

(all money figures in millions of dollars)

Year	No. of Returns	Total Income \$	Taxable Income \$	Total Tax Payable \$	Federal Income Tax Payable \$	Provincial Income Tax Payable \$	Old Age Security Tax Payable \$
1966	556,650	2,368.2	1,322.4	249.8	160.3	54.6	35.0
1967	596,072	2,685.6	1,580.4	326.4	194.3	78.5	53.6
1968	627,191	2,986.3	1,822.7	395.0	240.6	93.9	60.5

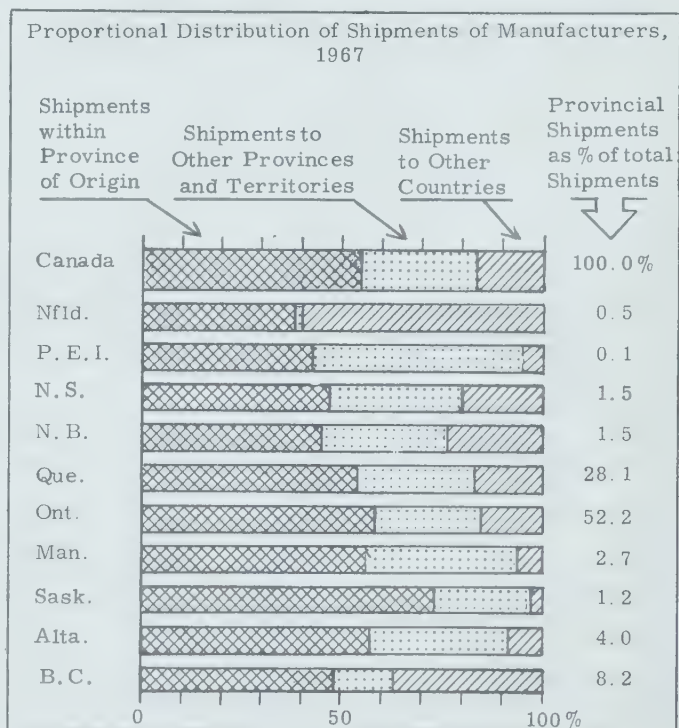
Total income reported in the returns of individuals for the 1968 taxation year amounted to almost \$3 billion. Over the period 1966 to 1968 the total number of returns increased by 70,541, and total income increased by \$618 million or 26%.

The increase in total tax payable during this period was \$145 million or 58%. Federal income tax payable was up 50%, provincial income tax payable rose 72% and old age security tax payable was 73% higher in 1968 than in 1966.

Of the \$1.5 billion value of shipments of goods manufactured in Alberta in 1967, approximately \$884 million or 58% were shipped to points within the province. The value of goods shipped to other provinces amounted to almost \$514 million; exports accounted for \$129 million or 8.5% of the total. Alberta manufacturers shipments amounted to 4% of the \$38.4 billion value of shipments of goods of own manufacture in Canada in 1967.

British Columbia was Alberta's best customer receiving almost \$159 million worth of manufactured goods. Shipments to Quebec totalled \$114 million, followed by Saskatchewan (\$98 million), Ontario (\$79 million), Manitoba (\$46 million) the Yukon and Northwest Territories (\$13 million), New Brunswick (\$2 million), Newfoundland (\$2 million), Nova Scotia (\$1 million) and Prince Edward Island (\$0.5 million).

The value of shipments of manufactured goods from the other provinces to Alberta in 1967 amounted to approximately \$1.1 billion. Of this total almost \$621 million or 56% originated in Ontario, \$282 million originated in Quebec, and \$163 million came from British Columbia.



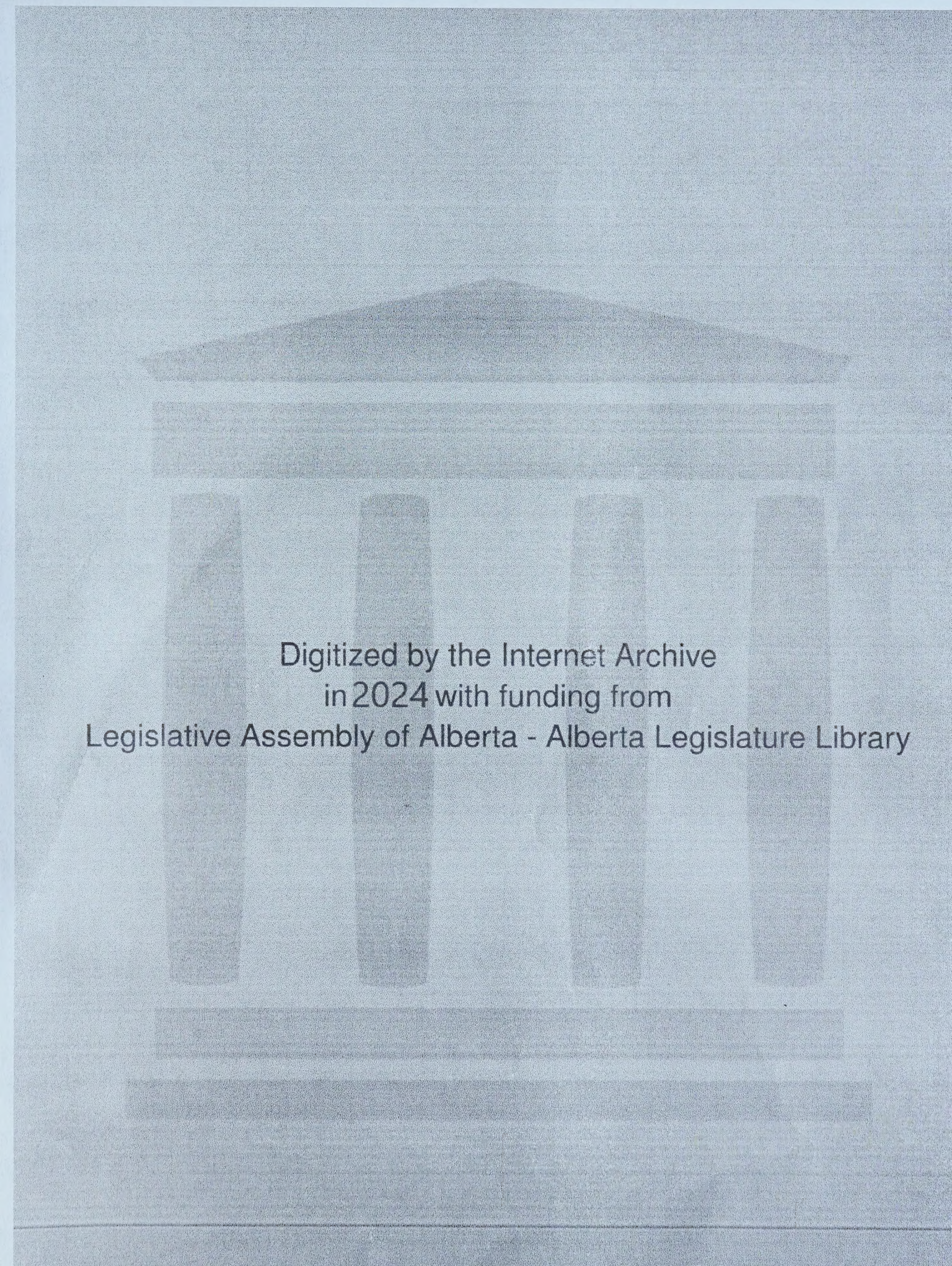
TAXABLE RETURNS OF INDIVIDUALS BY OCCUPATION
ALBERTA, 1968

Occupation	No. of Returns	Total Income \$'000	Average Income Per Return \$'000	Taxable Income \$'000	Total Tax \$'000	The average income per taxable return filed by Alberta residents in
Employees of Business	287,934	1,637,106	5,686	1,052,430	225,028	1968 was \$5,695. Pensioners re- ported the lowest average income, (\$3,209); medical doctors and sur- geons reported the highest income (\$32,563).
Employees of Institutions	30,955	125,934	4,068	75,302	14,199	
Teachers and Professors	21,762	152,458	7,006	104,671	22,795	
Federal Employees	15,956	97,578	6,115	61,804	12,682	
Provincial Employees	28,166	152,529	5,415	95,906	19,142	
Municipal Employees	25,072	138,547	5,526	84,050	16,731	
Unclassified Employees	6,366	23,538	3,697	13,523	2,502	
Total Employees	416,211	2,327,690	5,593	1,487,686	313,079	
Farmers	29,924	171,742	5,739	97,475	20,283	Of the thirty-four occupations listed, seven experienced a drop in average income from the previous year. The income of forestry oper- ators decreased by approximately \$2,500 from 1967 to 1968 and the in- come of insurance agency operators decreased by more than \$1,800.
Fishermen	56	267	4,768	131	22	
Accountants	370	5,449	14,727	4,119	1,219	
Medical Doctors and Surgeons	1,285	41,844	32,563	35,250	13,998	
Dentists	379	8,839	23,322	7,126	2,434	
Lawyers and Notaries	646	14,369	22,243	11,627	4,030	
Engineers and Architects	139	2,732	19,655	2,160	757	Farmers, fishermen, wholesale traders, other business proprietors, and investors also reported a drop in average income. The average income of medical doctors and surgeons increased by \$4,964 from 1967 to 1968. For the total professional group, average in- come rose by 17.7% over the year to \$20,976. During the same period the average income of employees in- creased by 6.3% to \$5,593.
Entertainers and Artists	220	819	3,723	417	81	
Other Professionals	904	8,659	9,579	6,107	1,845	
Total Professionals	3,943	82,710	20,976	66,806	24,364	
Salesmen	1,394	9,851	7,067	6,188	1,432	
Forestry Operators	84	365	4,345	182	36	
Manufacturers	503	3,633	7,223	2,253	537	The average income of medical doctors and surgeons increased by \$4,964 from 1967 to 1968. For the total professional group, average in- come rose by 17.7% over the year to \$20,976. During the same period the average income of employees in- creased by 6.3% to \$5,593.
Construction	3,985	24,955	6,262	14,654	3,256	
Public Utilities	3,086	16,411	5,318	8,622	1,767	
Wholesale Traders	713	4,938	6,926	3,112	696	
Retail Traders	6,145	42,405	6,901	26,394	6,084	
Insurance Agency Operators	167	1,362	8,156	876	219	
Real Estate Agency Operators	161	1,525	9,472	1,063	289	The average income of medical doctors and surgeons increased by \$4,964 from 1967 to 1968. For the total professional group, average in- come rose by 17.7% over the year to \$20,976. During the same period the average income of employees in- creased by 6.3% to \$5,593.
Other Finance	100	1,347	13,470	1,064	382	
Recreational Services Operators	266	1,542	5,797	910	247	
Business Services Operators	170	977	5,747	568	123	
Other Service Operators	4,545	25,025	5,506	14,759	3,398	
Other Business Proprietors	210	1,600	7,619	1,075	299	
Total Business Proprietors	20,135	126,083	6,262	75,533	17,332	
Investors	12,979	72,315	5,572	49,061	10,607	
Property Owners	3,783	19,935	5,270	12,572	3,107	
Pensioners	10,675	34,251	3,209	15,539	2,629	
Unclassified	938	3,108	3,313	1,460	379	
Total	500,038	2,847,952	5,695	1,812,450	393,235	

The total number of taxable returns filed by Alberta residents in 1968 was approximately 500,000 as compared to 471,000 the previous year. The increment in total tax payable during the year was more than \$69 million. Average tax per return in 1968 was \$786. Employees paid an average of \$752 in tax and professionals paid an average of \$6,179.

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